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Title:	<b>Bone Fasteners and Method for Stabilizing Vertebral Bone Facets Using the Bone Fasteners</b>	Group Art Unit: 3733

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. This IDS is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A.

Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), only copies of foreign or other documents are provided. Copies of the U.S. patent references are not provided.

By this submission Applicant does not admit that such documents constitute prior art. Applicant reserves the right to show, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131 or otherwise, that any of the identified patents and publications, and any referenced in the present application are not prior art with respect to the present application.

Payment of Fees


No fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should any fees be deemed necessary, such fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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